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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. On 12 October 1962, the undersigned, in the company of Messrs Cunningham, [REDACTED] and General Flickinger participated in the recruitment of Subject for Project OXCART.

2. The first day followed pattern previously established and went pretty much according to script. Individual was initially interested in performance characteristics and, although his detailed questions were parried, he did obtain an admission that speed, on the conservative side, might be said to exceed MACH-2.

3. During the interview, one could see that General Flickinger was not impressed with Subject. This stems from concern over very inquisitive, intelligent, and domineering wife. Secondly, physiological findings, although disqualifying, which pertained to spatial bifida were a cause for concern as earlier raised by Colonel Ledford and General Flickinger.

4. On 16 October 1962, [REDACTED] and undersigned met Subject at the Shoreham Hotel for an answer. He indicated a great deal of concern about hiding the truth from his wife and, although it was first thought he was using this as an excuse, as the interview progressed, it was quite clear that this would be a source of emotional stress. This, together with the other considerations, placed [REDACTED] and the undersigned in the position of dissuading the individual from volunteering. At the conclusion, he was actually upset, but believed that his declination was made by himself and was in the interests of all parties concerned.

5. Subject was given a security admonishment by [REDACTED] of not getting trapped into divulging what had transpired. Subject should forget that this recruitment effort had taken place. Termination security oath was executed by Subject. Subject could foresee no questions which he would not be able to handle. He will indicate that he had withdrawn from the voluntary program because it was not leading anywhere. Subject further indicated that there would be no need to explain why he had brought his flight gear on this trip.

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